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2003 Sentinels of Safety Awards Announced by Department of Labor and National Mining Association



Dave Lauriski
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine
Safety & Health

The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the National Mining Association (NMA) has recognized eight U.S. mining operations for their outstanding safety record during 2003 at the annual Sentinels of Safety awards program sponsored by MSHA and the NMA. The winners were announced at an awards ceremony at the Las Vegas Convention Center in conjunction with MINExpo, the world's largest and most comprehensive exposition for the mining industry.

"Today, there are fewer incidents of injuries and fewer fatalities in mining than ever before. It is operations like the ones we honored today that have helped the mining industry mark such an exceptional achievement," said Dave D. Lauriski, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

Since 1925, mining operations in various operational categories have been recognized for achieving the highest number of employee workhours without an injury that resulted in lost time from work. To qualify for a Sentinels of Safety award, a company must compile at least 30,000 employee work-hours during the year without a lost-time injury or fatality.

The eight winners and their categories include the following:

- Beaver Gap E-3, Consol Energy Inc., Deane, Ky. (underground coal)
- North Antelope Rochelle Mine, Powder River Coal Co., Gillette, Wyo. (surface coal)
- Greens Creek Mine, Kennecott Greens Creek Mining Co., Juneau, Alaska (underground metal)
- Morton Salt Fairport Mine, Morton Salt, Rohm and Haas Co., Fairport, Ohio (underground nonmetal)
- Swift Creek Mine, PCS Phosphate, White Springs, Fla. (open pit)
- 5 R Constructors, 5 R Constructors, LLC, College Park, Ga. (quarry)
- Schoolhouse Mine Operation, Unimin Corp., Spruce Pine, N.C. (bank or pit)
- Davenport Sand Mine, Rinker Materials Corp., Davenport, Fla. (dredge)

The entire list of winners and runners-up appear on MSHA's Web site at www.msha.gov, and are listed at the back of this newsletter.

SAFETY & HEALTH ARE VALUES!!!

Watch out for October It may come back to **HAUNT YOU!**



October has shorter daylight hours and this may cause people to experience SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder). SAD is a type of winter depression caused by shorter daylight hours. During October (1999-2003) 41 miners have died! October is one of the most dangerous months for miners.



Follow safe job procedures!

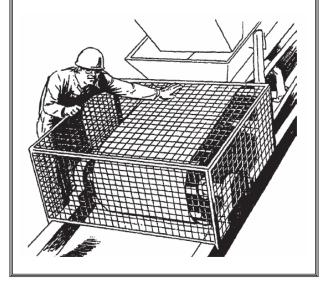




MSHA's Guide to Equipment Guarding

Available on MSHA Website

This Guide (OT 3) is provided to assist the mining community with designing, installing and maintaining equipment guards to prevent miners from contacting hazardous moving machine parts. Contact with machine parts may result in serious accidents or death. Proper equipment guarding is essential to reduce this risk of injury. Revised 2004





9th Annual Small Mine Conference Holmes Safety Association Meeting Sponsored by:

Wyoming MSHA States Grant Program and Wyoming State Mine Inspector

The conference will be held on November 2-3, 2004, at the Radisson Hotel in Casper, Wyoming. For additional information contact the Wyoming MSHA States Grant Office at: 307-686-0254 ext. 1680 or Gary Wolfe by phone at 307-875-6067.

Best Practice Awards! "Changing Screens"



Maddux and Sons

Jamie Eubanks, mine safety and health inspector from the Mesa field office, presenting the Best Practice Award for "Changing Screens" to miners' employed by Maddux and Sons. Accepting the award is Lenard Maddux, owner.



New West Materials

Benny Lara, supervisory mine safety and health inspector from Mesa, presenting the Best Practice Award for "Changing Screens" to Don Kuck, safety director, and Bruce Herman, manager of operations, for New West Materials.

MSHA Safety Slogan of the Month for September 2004

Safety is an all purpose tool. Use it!

Compliance Assistance!

BUZZI Unicem USA Supervisory Responsibilities & Workplace Examination Training



On September 21-22, 2004, MSHA provided training on "Workplace Examinations" to management officials at Independence Quarry and Mill, a cement plant located in Independence, Kansas. Pictured above is Dustin Crelly, mine safety and health inspector in Topeka, conducting one of the sessions. Barbara Renowden, training specialist with EFS, conducted a session on "Supervisory Responsibilities".

Educational Field Services Selection Larry Miller-Topeka, KS

Larry Miller, a mine safety and health inspector out of the Topeka, Kansas, field office, recently accepted a position with EFS as a training specialist. Larry will remain in Topeka in his new position.

Congratulations & Good Luck Larry!

Welcome!!!

Rocky Mountain District New Employees!

Lars Painter, Denver FO Brad Breland, Denver FO David Hamm, Mesa FO

MEET THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT STAFF "Lisa Smith"



Lisa Smith, computer specialist, has worked for the Department of Labor for almost 20 years, over 17 with MSHA. Her main duty is working on computers and keeping them up and running; however, she seems to dabble in just about everything the district is involved in. Lisa and her husband Kevin have two children, Travis (9) and Shelbi (6), a dog, cat and three fish. She and her family enjoys 4-wheeling/dirt bike riding, especially in Moab, Utah. Lisa also enjoys crafts, shopping and hanging out with her family.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

"Mick Dennehy"



Mick is a native of Montana and began his mining career in Butte. He began his distinguished career with MSHA in 1973 as an entry level inspector in Birmingham, Alabama. Mick moved his family to Colorado and worked for a number of years in the Grand Junction field office, before transferring to Denver in January of 1993. Mick has been working in the Special Investigation program for the Rocky Mountain District since 1993, and is currently the supervisor.

Mick was one of the original member's of the MNM National Mine Rescue Team, and is currently the trainer for the team. He recently was assigned to organize the "bench contest" at the National Mine Rescue Contest in Reno, NV. During the last few months, Mick has been assigned acting supervisor for the Denver field office and has also been assisting with the ACRI program for District Office.

Congratulations Mick!!!

Yours in Safety,

Irvin Hooker, District Manager

2003 Sentinels of Safety Awards

Underground Metal Group Winner

Mine Name: Greens Creek Mine

Company Name: Kennecott Greens Creek Mining Company, Juneau, AK

Hours Worked: 468,351

Runners Up		
Mine/Company Name and Location	Hours	
Fletcher Mine/Mill/The Doe Run Company, Bunker, MO	236,256	
Getchell Mine/Small Mine Development, LLC., Golconda, NV	83,993	
Golden Sunlight Underground Mine/Small Mine Development, LLC., Whitehall, MT	68,679	
Casteel Mine/The Doe Run Company, Viburnum, MO	45,903	

Underground Non-Metal Group Winner

Mine Name: Morton Salt Fairport Mine

Company Name: Morton Salt, A Rohm And Hass Company, Grand River,

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Hours Worked: 254,717

Runners Up		
Mine/Company Name and Location	Hours	
Detroit Salt Co./The Detroit Salt Co. LLC., Detroit, MI	95,724	
Kimballton Plant #1/Chemical Lime Company Of Virginia, Ripplemead, VA	87,764	
Kerford Limestone Co./Kerford Limestone Company, Weeping Water, NE	76,559	
Randolph Mine/Hunt Midwest Mining, Inc., Randolph, MO	73,150	

Open Pit Group Winner

Mine Name: Swift Creek Mine

Company Name: PCS Phosphate - White Springs, White Springs, FL

Hours Worked: 346,053

Runners Up	
Mine/Company Name and Location	Hours
Rochester Mine/Coeur Rochester, Inc., Lovelock, NV	295,170
Enoch Valley & South Rass Mines/Degerstrom Ventures, Soda Springs, ID	131,889
Southard Mine And Plant/United States Gypsum Company, Southard, OK	130,448
Dixie Mine/Engelhard Corp., Gordon, GA	106,387

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Quarry Group Winner

Mine Name: 5 R Constructors

Company Name: 5 R Constructors LLC., Atlanta, GA

Hours Worked: 338,318

Runners Up		
Mine/Company Name and Location	Hours	
Millard Quarry/Pennsy Supply Inc., Annville, PA	171,264	
Alico Road Quarry/Rinker Materials Corp., Fort Meyers, FL	137,040	
Gregg Mine/Rinker Materials Corp., Brooksville, FL	127,612	
Thornton Quarry/Material Service Corp., Thornton, IL	115,035	

Bank or Pit Group Winner

Mine Name: Schoolhouse Mine Operations

Company Name: Unimin Corporation, Spruce Pine, NC

Hours Worked: 155,270

Runners Up		
Mine/Company Name and Location	Hours	
Rinker Materials 19th Ave./ Rinker Materials Western Inc., Phoenix, AZ	129,606	
Little River Plant/Hanson Aggregates West, Inc., Ashdown, AR	109,189	
MTI Ready Mix/Mullen-Telles, Inc., El Paso, TX	108,482	
Rinker Materials Maricopa/Rinker Materials Western Inc., Phoenix, AZ	106,191	

Dredge Group Winner

Mine Name: Davenport Sand Mine

Company Name: Rinker Materials Of Florida, Inc., Miami, FL

Hours Worked: 76,995

Runners Up Mine/Company Name and Location Bridgeburg Dredge & Mill/Glacial Sand & Gravel Co., Kittanning, PA M-2/Quality Materials, Houston, TX 70,323 Sorters Sand & Gravel/Sorters Sand & Gravel, Humble, TX Porter Plant/Hallett Materials, Porter, TX 61,819